

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-40 are pending, in which claims 1-40 are currently amended, and no claims are canceled, withdrawn, or newly presented. No new matter is introduced.

The Office Action mailed February 24, 2005 rejected claims 1-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by *Crawford* (U.S. 6,014,651). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of all pending claims, and requests reconsideration of the claims.

The rejection of claims 1-40 is respectfully traversed because *Crawford* neither teaches nor suggests the features of the claims. In particular, amended independent claims 1, 20, and 40 each recite **software objects extended “from general-purpose software objects”** in “**the web tier or the application tier**” to support procurement of “**the telecommunications offerings on-line.**” (*See*, e.g., specification, pars. 44-68, Figure 5) *Crawford* (per “FIELD OF THE INVENTION”, col. 1:10-19), directed to providing an on-line service that supplies **automated information processing services** (e.g., an on-line service that allows remote computer users to connect on-line to computer devices (e.g., “virtual” disks) and access them to do such things as run computer software from them) to computer users for a fee, fails to teach or suggest these features.

Further, amended dependent claim 7 recites, “wherein the extended software objects include software objects extended from software objects included in a generic architecture, extended to support ordering telecommunications services or products,” which is neither disclosed nor suggested by *Crawford*. (*See*, e.g., specification, pars. 59-67)

Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 425-8508 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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